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Group Art Unit: **2816**

For: **Devices and Methods for the Restoration of a Spinal Disc**

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	40	32	8 X 18	\$ 144.00
Independent Claims	4	3	1 X 86	\$ 86.00


Total Additional Fee Required

\$ 230.00

- * Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$230.00 to cover the cost of the eight (8) additional claims (\$144.00) and the one (1) additional independent claim (\$86.00)
- * Please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT


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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment.

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